

REMARKS

The claims have been amended in order to more completely describe and distinctly claim the invention and to overcome the various grounds of rejection set forth in the Official Letter. Support for the reference to salts with pharmaceutically acceptable acids may be found at page 36, last paragraph. Inasmuch as no new matter is embodied by the proposed amendments, entry thereof is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's objections set forth at page 2 of the Official Letter are believed to be overcome by the above amendments. Accordingly, withdrawal of these grounds of objection is respectfully requested

The rejection of the claims under 35 USC 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-19 of prior patent No. 6,458,795 is believed to be obviated by the above amendment. Thus, the claims have been amended to reflect that the active agent is a salt of the polyamine(s) with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid. Since this a different invention from that set forth in claims 1-19 of US Patent No. 6,458,795, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicant is aware that the claims as presently amended may be subject to rejection under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of 6,458,795. Accordingly, an appropriate Terminal Disclaimer rendering such a rejection moot is submitted herewith.

The rejection of the claims under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of 6,664,270 is believed to be obviated by the Terminal Disclaimer submitted herewith. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

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The licensee in this application has been dropped; therefore, the applicant is now eligible for the benefit of small entity fees.

Applicants have earnestly endeavored to place this application in condition for allowance and an early action to that end is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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